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PRICE ONE CENT.

FIGHT STARTED FOR MUNICIPAL ABATTOIR HERE

Department of Agriculture Has Approved the Plan for Capital Plant.

WOULD CUT MEAT

Present System Declared Discourage Farmers From Raising Beef.

Legislation soon is to be introduced in Congress for a municipal abattoir in Washington. The plan already has received the approval of the Departnent of Agriculture.

It is contended that one reason why meat is so high in cities is that the present system of marketing and distributing meat is under the control of the great packers, and that farmers within a short distance of large cities are discouraged from raising and marketing their beef.

One Farmer's Experience The case is cited of a Maryland farm ir, about fifty miles from Washington ho shipped a cow to the Capital, and received for it \$28 net, live weight.
Later this farmer butchered a small on his own farm, and disposed o

Including the tongue, and not counting the weight of the hide, this cow dressed at 360 pounds. A cow will dress from 40 to 63 per cent of

more than \$22.50.

The merchants who bought this carcass set their own price to the farmer, stating it was a fraction below what they paid the Washington distributing agencies of the big pack-

Must Deal With Buyer.

Later this farmer and a neighbor who had twenty-five head of cattle to dispose of, including cows and ateers, tried to sell direct to buyers in Wash ington, but they were met with the answer that they must deal with the buyer in their territory.

Municipal officials were asked to look into the possibility of the establishment of a municipal abattoir in

Washington.
One District official who investigated the matter, reported that retail distributers in Washington had told him they could afford to buy from a municipal abattoir in Washington only on condition that this abattoir (Continued on Seventh Page.)

TAFT AND BRYAN TO DEBATE

Will Discuss Feasibility of Peace . League Program.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.-A joint de bate between ex-President William Howard Taft and William Jennings Bryan on the question of how to in Bryan on the question of how to in-sure the world against war has been announced. The debate will be car-ried on through the newspapers of the United States, South America, Australia, New Zealand, and certain European countries. The first article will appear New Year Day. Former President Taft will argue the affirmative of the following three propositions:

the affirmative of the following three propositions:

"Is the platform of the League to Enforce Peace feasible?"

"Does it furnish the most practical plan for securing permanent peace after the end of the present war?"

"Should the United States become a signatory to the League to Enforce Peace?"

FLEET RIDES ROADS

Fifteen Warships and Four "Subs to Be Reviewed Tomorrow.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 10 .- Fifteen with four submarines are at Hampton Roads to participate in ceremonies attending the assembling of the Southern Commercial Congress tomorrow. Included in the fleet were the new dreadnaughts Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and the Nevada, the most powerful fighting ships in the navy. Secretary of the Navy Daniels will review the fleet and land parade tomorrow, in which more than 3,000 jackles and marines will participate. Whipped about by a terrific gale, the United States submarine L-4, one of the four submarines booked to participate in the naval display limped into port minus her periscope and with four submarines are at Hampton

FAMOUS HOTEL BURNED.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 10.—The famous log hotel at Mammoth Cave, which for a century has housed famous visitors there, was a smoking rain today, having been destroyed by fire that started from a defective five. The register, bearing the names of the Prince of Wales, later King Edward, and the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, also was destroyed.

MAIL XMAS GIFTS TO GUARDSMEN NOW

Delay in Sending Presents May Cause Gloom in Some Border Tent.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 10.— Mothers, wives, sweethearts, and friends of the District militiamen who intend sending them Christmas gifts haven't much time to waste. The boxes or packages must be started from Washington at least a week before Christmas to reach the soldier boys in time. It would be wise to send the remmbrances even sooner than that and mark the packages, "Do not open until Christmas, according to Chaplain Arthur Lewis Smith, who handles all the District militiamen's mail.

There is always great congestion of Christmae mail, but this year, with almost 20,000 men at Camp Wilson, the District militiamen will find a situation never before encountered by them.

Boxes and parcels should be most securely packed to withstand the fifty-seven-hour journey from Washington to San Antonio and the five-mile auto truck trip from the city to Camp Wilson. Allowance also must be made for the handling of parcel post matter only after all first-class mail is out of the way.

Many Never Delivered.

Many Never Delivered. Hundreds of letters and scores Hundreds of letters and scores of parcels intended for District militiamen have failed of delivery because of improper or insufficient address. The name of the soldier, his company and his regiment should be plainly written or printed, thus: John Smith, Company A. Third Regiment, N. G. D. C., San Antonio, Tex. A letter or box addressed to John Smith, Third Regiment, N. G. D. C., probably will never reach him, nor will one addressed to John Smith, N. G. D. C.

GERMAN CRUISER ROVES ATLANTIC

Evades Allied Blockade and Enters on Career as Commerce Raider.

LONDON, Dec. 16 .- A German warship has succeeded in running the British cordon in the North Sea ac-

sounting the weight of the hide, this sow dressed at 360 pounds. A cow will dress from 40 to 63 per cent of live weight.

Considering that this cow was a Jarsey, and only average, 50 per cent of dressed meat from live weight would be a fair allowance, making her live weight 720 pounds.

On the day this cow was dispessed of the market price for cows, live weight in Washington, was from 2 to 8 cents, good ones being rated at about 4 cents a pound. Allowing that price for this cow, the gross returns for her in Washington would have been \$28.80.

If she had been purchased by the local buyer who covers that section for the Baltimore and Washington markets, she would not have brought more than \$22.50.

The merchants who bought this

became known that the sliffening of insurance rates the past several days was largely due to news concerning the raider that had reached the marine insurance company. Rates have almost doubled. Yesterday 5 per cent was demanded; less than two weeks ago it was under 3 per cent.

All liners flying flags of the allied countries will sail as scheduled, it was said, but a sharp lookout will be kept for the German vessel. She is said to be a boat of only 1,200 tons.

Vessels sailing yesterday from New York, for Europe carried 2,255 passengers, many returning to their native lands for the Christmas holidays.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Lloyds shipping agency today reports the sinking of the Danish steamer Sigurd, 2,719 tons gross, and of the British steamers Avristan, 3,818 tons; Conch, 5,620 tons, and Tanfield.

Two of the crew of the Conch have been landed, but the fate of the remainder is unknown.

The probable sinking of the Norwegian steamers Saga and Rakiura was announced last night by Lloyds.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 10.—The Brit-ish steamer Avristan, reported suck, left here November 29 for a port in the United Kingdom with 176,000 bushels of wheat. Her crew included two Americans, F. Murray, of New Haven, Conn., and Tony Morris, of New Bedford, Mass.

NEGRO BITES DETECTIVE

Man Wanted Here Taken Only After Desperate Fight.

Ennis, alias "Mule," Dawson, colored, who is being brought back to Washington today from Newcastle, Pa., by Detective Beckley, charged with the stabbing to death of Robert Taylor, also colored, in this city on the night of June 1, 1914, was taken only after a desperate atruggle, in which the prisoner bit the thumb of Detective Logan, of Newcastle.

Beckley learned Dawson was in Newcastle and was sent there by Major Pullman to look for him. Beckley and Detective Logan got on the man's trail yesterday.

yesterday.

When he saw the detectives approaching, Dawson ran and Logan started after him. The detective overteek the negro aimost severed one of the detective's thumbs with his teeth. Logan used his club until he had subdued the man and then handcuffed him.

TO PROBE WOMAN'S DEATH

Coroner Will Investigate Street Car Accident With Fatal Result.

Accident With Fatal Result.

Coroner Nevitt will hold an inquest at the morgue at 11:30 o'clock tomorrow morning in the case of Mrs. Mary J. Campbell, seventy five years old, of 913 H street northwest, who died at Emergency Hospital last night from injuries received when she was knocked down by a street car at Tenth and G streets northwest, Monday night.

Mrs. Campbell was struck while on her way to church about 7 o'clock. She lingered five days at the hospital. Joseph C. Howard, of the Baltimore apartment house, a nephew of the woman, will arrange burial.

WESTERN FINANCINER DEAD.

CRIME WAVE **GRIPS NATION**

Hold-Upe Here Part of Widespread Trouble in Cities, Says Burlingame.

JUST BACK FROM

Police Believe Robberies Committed by Professionals Touring Big Towns.

The series of hold-ups and daring robberies which has kept the local police working day and night during the past two months, is the tail-end of a wave of crime that is sweeping the large cities of the country in the opinion of Central Office De-tective Burlingame, who returned this morning from a tour of the East and Middle West

"There is an unusual amount o 'stick-up' work and robbery going on all over the country this winter," said the detective, "but we're not getting anything like as much of it here as they are in other big cities."

Polce Kept Busy. Detective Burlingame says in New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleve-land, and other cities, the police are struggling with an unusual number of hold-ups by young white men. Some of the other detectives who have been at headquarters for years, believe a number of the bolder type of

criminals are stopping in Washington on their fay from other cities.

They point to the recent robbery of \$5,000 worth of fure from an F street furrier and the several recent safe-cracking jobs—both unusual in Washington—as edidence that the present crime wave is in part due to the presence of strangers in the city. Began In November.

The present wave of crime began here early in November, when Luther A. Acker was held up at Tenth and Massachusetts avenue northwest by two white men and robbed of \$50. This was followed by eight or ter similar jobs ad a score of daring cases

In Cleveland, Detective Burlingam said, the hold-up men are working with stelen automobiles. They take a car, he said, ride up to a business

place or to a man on a quiet atrect, get his money and speed off to a near-by town, where they abandon the car and disappear.

Major Pullman and Detective Burlingame both expressed the belief that the increase in crime this winter might be due in part to the high cost of living.

Detective Burlingame said, howsponsible for the crime are unable to work. He said that in some contrary, a shertage of labor.

Inspector Clifford Grant, chief of the local detective bureau, pointed out that crime of all kind always increases in winter, especially around Christmas.

CHINESE ROBBED

Laundryman Relieved of \$20 by "Blackened" White Man.

Hing Lee, Washington's latest robbery victim, who was held up in his laundry at 200 B street southeast, shortly after 9 o'clock last night and robbed of \$20 that was in his cash drawer, told Dethat was in his cash drawer, told Detective Wise, of the Fifth precinct, his assaliant looked like a white man with his face and hands blackened.

No trace of the man has been found. A woman saw him running east in B atreet from the laundry. The Chinese said the man's hair was too straight to be that of a negro. He said he also noticed a peculiarity about the man's lips that made him think his assailant was blackened for the occasion.

The man entered the laundry, asked for change for a \$1 bill. Suddenly he drew a revolver, commanded him to stand aside while he stepped behind the enclosure, took the money from the drawer and backed out of the place, warning his victim not to make an outcry under penalty of being shot.

DEUTSCHLAND HOME SAFE

Underses Merchantman Arrives Mouth of Weser.

BERLIN, Dec. 10 .- The underse merchantman Deutschland arrived at the mouth of the Weser at noon to

The arrival of the submarine was made the occasion of great rejoicing and the news was quickly flashed to all parts of the empire. Probably her commander and the crew will receive further honors for their daring feat.

The famous submarine was seventeen days making the trip from New London to Bremenhaven, thus duplicating the time she made coming over.

over.

No details have been given out about her second return voyage, but owing to her good time it is supposed Captain Koenig had no difficulty in eluding the British blockade fleet.

The Deutschland carried a cargo valued at more than \$2,000,000 and composed chiefily of materials which the war has made scarce in the Kalser's kingdom.

THREE AGED PAIRS WED

All Inmates of Soldiers' Home Mississippi.

GULFPORT, Miss., Dec. 16 .- In three small rooms, overlooking the Gulf of Mexico and the lawn upon which Jefferson Davis strolled in his last years, three old couples—just married—have started housekeeping anew. The youngest bride is sixty-four years old, the youngest bride-groom seventy-four. The three couples staged a triple wedding and each participant had been married before.

The brides and bridegrooms were inmates of the Jefferson Davis Beauvoir Soldiers' Home—an institution dedicated to making comfortable the declining years of the veterans and widows of veterans of the Confederate State.

CLERKS TO GET GRADED RAISE

Increase on Percentage Basis Now Planned by Lawmekers in House.

DUE TOMORROW TOUR ACTION

> Bill Carry Pay Boost to Go to **Full Appropriations** Committee.

> From the viewpoint of the Govern nent clerks of this city one of the nost important meetings ever held by the House Committee on Appropria tions will be staged tomorrow as the committee approaches the problem of the high cost of living as it is related to the salaries paid the employes of the United State Govern

ment.

The Legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill—carrying salaries for practically all of the Government departments—will be presented to the committee by the Byrns subcommittee tomorrow.

This subcommittee, headed by Congressman Joseph Byrns of Tennessee, has completed the draft of the budget with the exception of a general amendment that will relate to increased salaries for the Government clerks.

The bill already carries a number individual increases, applying to the higher-paid clerks and officials, but the subcommittee has passed on raise for cierks receiving \$1,800 per year and less.

There is practically no doubt that the committee intends to increase salaries all along the line. Every department head and official and delegations representing the cierks, appearing before the subcommittee, has not been remiss in describing the necessity for action of this sort. the full committee the blanket

On Percentage Basis.

It is believed now that the full committee will consider increases on the percentage basis; that is, the percent age of increase will be graded accord

age of increase will be graded according to the salary now received by the employe. This percentage would be greater, it is supposed, in the case of an employe receiving \$640 per year than one receiving \$1,800.

Appropriations committee members first considered a horizontal increase in dollars and cents—for instance, a straightout \$10 boost in each clerk's monthly allowance, but this slass has lost ground within the past two days and a percentage scale is now seriously being considered.

Definite action by the committee cannot be forecast as the members have discussed the matter infarmally, but have made no attempt so far to reconcile their views.

Congressman Byrns said today that it was not the purpose of the co-unittee to overlook the high cost of living question, although the subcommittee chairman was unable to predict the final basis of increase.

Raise for P. O. Clerks.

Raise for P. O. Clerks. has voted amendments to its bill increasing the salaries of several thou-

Action taken tomorrow by the Appropriations Committee will furnish an indication of just what amount of help the clerks may expect from Congress. The legislative, executive, and judicial bill and the increases carried therein may be regarded as a model to be followed in framing other supply bills that carry salaries.

The legislative budget probably will be reported to the House on Tuesday (Continued on Page Six.)

M'CORMICK WITH WILSONS

Accompanies President and Wife to Church.

President and Mrs. Wilson were a ompanied to church this morning by Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who is a guest at the White House.

The President and Mr. McCormick are expected this afternoon to reach a final decision as to the appointment of a chairman of the Inauguration committee and as to the question of an Inaugural ball and other features of the Inauguration.

Authoritative announcement from officials close to the President that Robert N. Harper will be named Inaugural chairman, apparently disposes of this question and leaves only the formal announcement and the outlining of Inaugural plans yet to be made. a a guest at the White House.

Inasmuch as Chairman McCormick has been urged to make an early ap-pointment of an Inaugural committee so that funds may be raised to finance

HUGE FOOD CONDEMNATION

Million and a Half Pounds Destroy ed in Last Month. NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Speaking of

the high cost of living, 1,467,690 pounds of foodstuffs, condemned as unfit, were dumped into the bay during the last month by New York health inspectors.
This did not include the butter, eggs and lard and other commodities which were condemned, but which could be used for other purposes.
Much of the stuff destroyed had been spoiled in shipping or through careless packing. Meat, fish, fruits, and vegetables made up the bulk of

SCHOOLGIRLS FIGHT PRICES. MARYVILLE, Cal., Dec. 10.-Because the cost of bakers' bread is rising so rapidly twenty girl students of the Marysville High School have formed a class and will learn to bake bread.

There is no cooking class at the school and the girls have engaged a cook famed locally for her "cawn pone" hot rolls and bread to teach them. The girls will bake bread for their families Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

BERLIN, Dec. 10 .- Police reports of the Berlin district for the past month show that 371 food speculators were punished during that month for try-ing to make more money than the law allows.

WIDE VARIATION FOUND IN POTOMAC PLANT VALUATIONS

Commission Experts Put Electric Company's Assets at \$8,127,000, as Against \$23,-235,000, Corporation's Figure.

The hearings covering the valuation of the property of the Potomac Electric Power Company and the proper electric rates for Washington, have been up to date of a dry statistical character. The facts developed have, however, been most important and are summarised in the article which follows. With the beginning of the cross-examination of imperious colinesses tomorrow, The Times will print doily full reports of the hearings.

The question of the value of & thing has fong been a matter of argu-ment. Is it what the thing cost? Is it what it would sell for or is it what it could be reproduced for? A wide variation of conclusions is sometimes

No variation more astonishing was ever reached, however, than has been the case in the valuations of the property of the Potomac Electric Power Company over which problem the company and the Public Utilities Commission have been at work for

Difference of Millions The experts of the commission have reported their valuation as \$8,127,000 The representatives of the company maintain that the investment value of the property is \$23,235,000. Such an amazing difference matter worthy of analysis and what follows is a short cut through

of testimony to the resulting state

ment of two estimates 300 per cent at variance.

If the commission should accept the statements of the company's experts it would be forced to agree that the public of the District may rightfully be called upon to pay double the present rate for electric current. The question of the accuracy and propriety of the company's valuation is therefore one meriting the serious study and consideration of every citizen of the District. What Commission Mon Did. The Commission's experts, in their

The Commission's experts, in their testimony before the Commission. have proceeded merely on the assumption that what Congress wanted the Public Utilities Commission to do was to find out in the most practical way just what the Potomac Electric Power Company's property is actually worth, and then proceed to fix electric rates at such a level as would yield the owners of the property a fair and reasonable return on their investment.

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URGES IRON HAND IN GREEK AFFAIRS

British Press Insists on pressive Measures-Italy Seeks Compromise.

LONDON, Dec. 10.-No more delay in dealing with Greece is the cry of the press here. The report from Athene that Con-

stantine will join with Germany if the allies break off negotiations with him has stirred sentiment still further against any further palliation of his methods.

It is fairly well established that the brother-in-law of the Kaiser deliberately fomented the attacks on Admiral Fournet's men.

Constantine, it is now realized, is playing for time, and undoubtedly plans to wait until Mackensen can attack from the north when he will hurl the Grecian troops against the rear of the allied forces. The Greek king is not expected to accede to the allies' demand for the release of 1,800 Venizelist adherents now held prisoners.

The blockade in effect today comes simultaneously with the mobilisation by the King of 65,000 royalists.

Italy Seeks Some Compromise. An Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from Athens, however, says that from the information available that from the information available in Greece will be solved "in a don-ciliatory manner, calculated to satisfy the requirements of the powers and the dignity of Greece." The Italian minister, the dispatch adds, is busily engaged on this task.

Military superts agree that the maxt military move by Berlin will be an effort to retake Monastir and drive General Sarrail and his 600,000 men into the sea.

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On the Roumanian fronts the Germanic armies continue to drive back the Roumanian troops, now, apparently, demoralized, while the efforts of the Russians to relieve the pressure have been so far unsuccessful. occupying the royal palace at Bucharest, and already a German has been appointed governor.

Little Activity On West. On the western front there is little activity, although the Germans are expecting an attack.

Much indignation has been aroused here by the reports that the Turks are inciting the Mohammedans in Persia to slay the 70,000 Christians in that country, using a holy war as a justification.

This action of the Turks is looked them as not much worse than the upon as not much worse than the Belgian deportations, which still con-tinue in spite of the protests of the civilized world.

FRENCH ATTACK SALIENT Surprise Assault in Mesnil Sector of West Front Successful.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—A surprise attack against a German salient in the region of Butte Du Mesnil was successfully carried out by French troops, last night's official statement reported. The enemy's mine galleries were destroyed and a number of men taken prisoners. Around Hill 304 on the left bank of the Meuse, the statement declared brisk shelling continued. Intermitten: artiliery shelling was in progress elsewhere. In the east bad weather continues, with artillery fighting reported at various points.

BRITISH RAID TRENCHES. BRITISH RAID TRENCHES.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—British raids onGerman positions in the neighborhood of Neuville St. Vaast and also
near Souchez were successful, Gen.
Sir Douglas Haig reported. In addition to other losses, an enemy machine gun was taken. North of Ploegsteert, in eastern Areas, the British
commander in chief reported activity
of British trench mortars and hostile
artillery firing active around Le
Bassee and Le Sars.

SEES 2 YEARS MORE OF WAR. BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Asquith and Grey's downfall in England probably means two years more of the war, the Berlin public believes. Lloyd-George's victory was everywhere regarded today as a temporary setback to peace negotiations. Most people here are skeptical of his success at the head of a new ministry.

SCHOOL JANITORS **DEMAND MORE PAY**

Excluded From Salary Boost **Bill for Other District** Employes.

Janitors of Washington public schools today announced they are planning a visorous campaign for

schools today announced they are planning a vigorous campaign for the coming week for two things:

Increase in their pay.
Inclusion in retirement legislation proposed by teachers.

A grievance committee already has been appointed by the Janitors and Custodians Union to confer with L. Thurston, superintendent of Echools, and with Ernest H. Daniel, chairman of the Board of Education committee on janitors, asking that an employes retirement bill be presented to Congress along with the teachers pension bill.

Left Out of Rellef Bill A group of janitors yesterday con-ferred with members of Congress regarding a movement to increase their pay. They pointed out that they, along with policemen and fre-men are excluded from the proposed measure which would raise the salary

measure which would raise the salary of all District employes.

Last year the janitors received increases, the pay of janitors in eightroom buildings being boosted from 550 to 550 and those in twelve-room buildings being increased from 560 to 570. They state that these increases were too small, and that the scale is below that paid for similar labor in other cities.

Religious Discriminated Against.

Special attention will be called to pay of janitors' helpers, classed as laborers, wro receinve but \$25 and

price.

The janitors say that they must have special qualifications for service, including a knowledge of steam engineering, yet the salaries they get are little higher than the District pays for unskilled labor.

SENATOR FALL FIGHTS GOAT

Injured in Struggle With Pet Angora, He Kills Animal. EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 18.—United States Senator Albert B. Fall, attacked by a pet Angora goat, at his ranch home, Three Rivers, New Mexico, succeeded in killing the animal after a stiff struggle, during which he was injured, according to a report received here.

The goat, a fine specimen of the Angora type, had been a pet around the ranch home, and its attack upon Senator Fall was unexpected. The goat and the Senator battled for some minutes, when Senator Fall succeeded in obtaining a revolver and shot the animal. ed by a pet Angora goat, at his

COLDER WEATHER COMING

Mercury Expected to Tumble to 22 Degrees Tonight. If you shivered this morning or las

If you shivered this morning or last night, prepare for worse shivers tonight. It is going to be fair, and there will be no high winds, but the mercury is expected to tumble to about 22 degrees. For the last twenty-four hours the temperature touched the low limit between 7 and 9 o'clock this morning when it was 29 degrees.

Except for light snows in the southwest portion of the United States the weather is generally clear throughout the country.

Tomorrow Washington is booked for a continued engagement of clear and cold weather.

DENIED KISS, HE KILLS GIRL

Jealous Sultor Then Commits Sul cide Over Nurse's Body.

NEW YORK Dec. 10.—Denied a farewell kiss Angelo Thompson shot and killed his sweetheart and commitand killed his sweetheart and committed suicide last night:
The girl was Miss Greta Katsa,
twenty-four years old, who was a
nurse in the hospital on Ellis Island,
where Thompson was an attendant.
She received two builets in the breast.
Thompson sent another through his
hoart. As he fell he clutched the girl
in his arms, kissing her as he expired.

COUNTRY-WIDE BOYCOTT, PLEA OF U.S. PROBER

Special Assistant Attorney General Anderson Says People Must Act.

POINTS TO CHEAP FOODS

Declares Must Resort to Ban on All Products With Inflated Cost.

A nation-wide appeal to the people of the United States for a boycott fective means of puncturing the present inflation of food prices, was made today by George W. Anderson, Special Assistant Attorney General in charge

Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Federal food probe.

"Low priced foods," he said, "which are beyond the influences of food speculators, are to be had in greatest abundance. The people must resort to tilese."

It is vastly more important that they do thin "Anderson said with solemnity," than that we, as a result of our investigations, obtain convictions against certain speculators."

One week of a concerted food boyout against high-priced foods would knock the very bottom out of prices, is the consensus of official opinion here.

is the consensus of the launching of a nation-wide grand jury incurry into food speculation, President Wilson will give personal consideration this week to the question of curbing soaring prices of food stuffs.

Legislation to ferce the release of cold storage holdings is one of the remedies the President is understood to have under consideration.

President Wilson tomorrow will outline his ideas of the course of action he deems advisable in view of reports he deems advisable in view of reports now before him to Special Assistant Attorney General Anderson, in charge of the food investigation.

After his conference with the Precident, Mr. Anderson will leave for the West to arrange for special grand jury investigations this week at Detroit and Chicage, and probably Kansas City, Minneapolis, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

New York Inquiry. Frank M. Swacker, who prosecuted the New Haven case, will take charge of the New Tork grand jury investigation, also scheduled to begin this week. The told storage phase of the food problem was called sharply to the attention of the Prasident when the Department of Agriculture submitted a report showing tremendous increases of frozen stocks and cured meats in packing houses and storage warehouses on December I as compared with a year ago.

In one instance the increase of holdings over a year ago reached 66.8 per cent.

Firms reporting holdings of frozen beef were shown to have 12,383,878 gounds more on hand December 1 than on the same date last year—an On the same date there were 12,930,

636 pounds more cured beef, or an increase of 68.8 per cent. Frozen pork holdings had increased 6,844,483 pounds, or 31.4 per cent; dry salt pork holdings had increased 38,042,421 pounds, or 45.6 per cent. Sweet pickled pork storage holdings showed an increase of 53.7 per cent, lard an increase of 47.9 per cent, and frozen lamb and mutton holdings 21.3 per cent.

Greatest Evide The north central portions of the country disclose the greatest evidence of food speculation, officials said, in-dicating that the investigation central in Chicago will be of the most sensational character.

President Wilson already has ap President Wilson already has approved the grand jury inquiries as a basis of prosecuting individuals or interests concerned in the abnormal food price increase.

Prosecution of speculators, however, is only one part of the problem the President believes, and what is deemed of more immediate necessity is the formulation of plans for checking searing prices and reducing present abnormal prices.

Many Suggestions. President Wilson has received aug gestions of every kind from his Cabi

net advisers. One department favored stimulation One department favored stimulation of farm industries, another education of the middleman, so that he will not be stampeded in situations such as now face the country.

The disclosure of mammoth celd storage holdings of necessities of life raised the question of legislation to release these products.

There is almost unanimity of opinion among the President and his Cabinet advisers, it is understood, against an embargo on export of food supplies, bills to establish which are now pending in Congress.

Unges Boycott.

Urges Boycott. Special Assistant Attorney General Anderson has issued a statement in connection with his grand jury investigation plans urging housewives
to co-operate in the cost of living
fight by refraining from purchasing
articles of food that reached the highest peak in the new level of prices.
Rice, corn meal and other nutritive
but low-priced foods are urged by Mr.
Anderson as substitutes for the highpriced articles of food he would have
the nation's housekeepers boycott.

PRICES RESUME FLIGHT

Butter. Eggs, and Other Staples Rise Again in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 .- Prices of butten, eggs, potatoes, and other produce, which had fallen off slightly, because of railroad embargoes, warm weather, and boycotts, have assumed their upward flight, in spite of the Federal grand jury investigation of food spec-ulation which begins here this week. William L. O'Connell, chairman of the State utilities commission, is in clined to put much of the blame for these conditions to the cold storage